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SUBJECT: COFFEE PRODUCER DISCORD

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON JULY 25, 1973, BRAZIL'S PRESS REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN COFFEE INSTITUTE, FAUSTO CANTU PENA, HAD ACCUSED BRAZIL AND OTHER COFFEE PRODUCERS OF ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL COFFEE MONOPOLY BY SITTING UNFAIR EXPORT QUOTAS. CANTU PENA REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO SUCH PRODUCER CONTROL, BUT INSTEAD WOULD MARKET ITS COFFEE FREELY. HE SUPPOSEDLY SAID MEXICO COULD NOT SUBSIDIZE BRAZIL'S LARGE LANDOWNERS, SALVADOR'S OLIGARCHS, AND PORTUGAL'S COLONIALISTS.

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2. BRAZILIAN COFFEE INSTITUTE (IBC) MARKETING DIRECTOR VIACAVA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESS HE DID NOT KNOW TO WHAT HESHOULD ATTRIBUTE CANTU PENA'S SENSELESS (INSENSATA) ASSERTIONS, UNLESS THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL HAD SUFFERED A MENTAL DISTURBANCE. SUCH ASSERTIONS SERVE ONLY TO ASSIT IMPORTER SPECULATION BY DEPRESSING PRICES FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN COFFEE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. PRESS REPORTS, STATING CANTU PENA MADE HIS STATEMENT WHILE ADDRESSING GROUP OF SMALL COFFEE PRODUCERS, INDICATE SPEECH MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR MEXICAN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, IBC FELT CONSTRAINED TO RESPOND, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT ALREADY UNHAPPY WITH MEXICO'S BREAK WITH PRODUCER GROUP IN MARCH. IBC PRESIDENT ANDRADE PINTO DEMONSTRATED THIS UNHAPPINESS DURING PRIVATE CONVERSTATION WITH CONSUL GENERAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICER IN MID-JULY BY EXPRESSING CONSIDERABLE DISMAY OVER MEXICO'S PREOCCUPATION WITH ITS INTERNAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND ITS INABILITY TO DISCUSS COFFEE ISSUES LOGICALLY. RANCOROUS STATEMENTS BY MEXICAN AND BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS INDICATE COFFEE PRODUCERS STILL FAR FROM CONSENSUS ON THEIR PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. EXEMPT. BOONSTRA

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